

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are now pending in the application. Claims 1-10 have been rejected. New Claims 11-25 have been added herein. Claims 9-10 have been cancelled herein. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the present amendments and following remarks. The above amendments and following remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action and to render all claims at issue patentably distinct over the cited references.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 3, 7-8 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Corder (U.S. Patent No. 6,419,308) in view of Webasto (German Patent No. DE 3545870). This rejection is respectfully traversed. It is believed that the originally filed claims are patentably distinct over cited references. Notwithstanding, the present invention, which is U.S. Patent Application No. 10/721,650, and U.S. Patent No. 6,419,308 were, at the time of the present invention, U.S. Patent Application No. 10/721,650 was made, owned by ASC Incorporated, thereby rendering this rejection moot. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the instant rejection be withdrawn.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 2 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Corder et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,419,308) in view of Webasto (German Patent No. DE 3545870) as applied to Claim 1 and further in view of Farber (U.S. Patent No. 6,270,154). This rejection is respectfully traversed. It is believed that the originally filed claims are patentably distinct over the cited references. Notwithstanding, the present invention, which is U.S. Patent Application No.

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The Examiner has rejected Claims 5 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Corder et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,419,308) in view of Webasto (German Patent No. DE 3545870) as applied to Claim 1 and in further view of Ono et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,892,351). This rejection is respectfully traversed. It is believed that the originally filed claims are patentably distinct over the cited references. It is believed that the originally filed claims are patentably distinct over the cited references. Notwithstanding, the present invention, which is U.S. Patent Application No. 10/721,650, and U.S. Patent No. 6,419,308 were, at the time of the present invention, U.S. Patent Application No. 10/721,650 was made, owned by ASC Incorporated, thereby rendering this rejection moot. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the instant rejection be withdrawn.


CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the

Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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